GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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COMMAND AREA DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME
VISHNU DATT

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the schemes launched by the Union Government during the last year in each State under the Command Area Development Programme particularly in Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) whether the targets fixed for land irrigation have been achieved under these schemes during the above period;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Union Government propose to involve public representatives, Members of Parliament for effective and smooth implementation of these schemes to achieve the targets;

(e) if so, the action taken by the Government in this regard; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES

(SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) A Centrally sponsored Command Area Development Programmeis already under implementation since 1974-75 in the country. Presently, it covers 23 States including Jammu & Kashmir and 2 Union Territories.

(b) & (c) Targets are fixed for On Farm Development Works, namely Construction of Field Channels, Field Drains, Land Levelling and shaping and enforcement of Warabandi, besides taking up innovative activities related with efficient water management. As a result of efficient water management through these activities, irrigation efficiency is increased, which helps in increasing the irrigated area and the agricultural productivity etc.

(d) to (f) Public representatives including Members of Parliament are involved for efficient and smooth implementation of the Command Area Development Programme in the country through differentmeetings which include Consultative Committee of the Members of Parliament for the Ministry of Water Resources, Parliamentary Standing Committee on Agriculture etc. The suggestions given in these meetings are suitably carried out by Government.